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M O O N

The word "MOON" is rendered in a large, blackletter-style font. Each letter is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border. The two 'O's have a small black cross centered within them. The 'M' and 'N' also have decorative flourishes at their base.

POEM FOR A CAPELLA CHOIR

BRICE L JOHNSON

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Moon

Poem by: Brice L Johnson

Indignant moon you wane so long
a gleaming glimpse from crescent's song,
the light to stars your face has stolen
but hearken to the promised sun.

Indignant moon you wane so long
through wicker windings striking beams
from nightly themes we too recoil,
sapphire shadows haunted shapes
treachery amidst the midnight.

Indignant moon you know no wrong
you suffer by the weight of dawn.

Performance Notes:

I've indicated a few places where it would be appropriate to breathe, but it is important to stagger breaths elsewhere to create seamless sounds throughout longer phrases.

If this piece is programmed with *Woods*, this piece should be placed second.

Program Notes:

On July 20th 1969, Apollo 11 touched down on the surface of a foreign world. This place that had been watched by man for millennia was finally reached in a feat of innovation as the human race watched in great anticipation. The subsequent Space Age brought about many questions about the unknowns of space exploration, but also ignited a technological explosion that continues to accelerate even today.

-Brice

MOON

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Andante ♩ = c. 65

Soprano *p* In - dig - nant moon In - dig -

Alto *p* In - dig - nant moon In - dig -

Tenor *mp* In - dig - nant moon, *p* In - dig - nant moon, In - dig - nant moon,

Bass *mp* In - dig - nant moon, *p* In - dig - nant moon, In - dig - nant moon,

Piano (for rehearsal only)

S *mp* - nant moon, *p* wane so long

A *mp* - nant moon, *mf* In - dig - nant moon you wane so long

T *mp* In - dig - nant moon, *p* moon, *mf* a

B *mp* In - dig - nant moon, *p* moon, *mp* a moon

Pno.

MOON

9

7

S a gleam - ing glimpse from cresc - ents song the light of man - y

A a gleam - ing song the light of man - y

T 8 gleam - ing glimpse from cresc - ents song the light of man - y

B a gleam - ing glimpse from cresc - ents song the light of man - y

Pno.

10

S stars, stars your face has sto - len, has sto - len, sto - len

A stars, stars your face has sto - len, has sto - len, sto - len

T 8 stars, stars your face has sto - len, has sto - len, sto - len

B stars, stars your face has sto - len, has sto - len, sto - len but

Pno.

MOON

14

S *mf*
heark - en to _____ prom - ised, prom - ised

A *mf*
heark - en to _____ prom - ised, prom - ised

T *mf*
8 heark - en to _____ the _____ prom - ised, _____ prom - ised _____

B *mf*
heark - en to _____ prom - ised, prom - ised

Pno.

17

S *fp* *f* 18 *p* *mp*
sun In - dig - nant moon, In - dig - nant moon _

A *fp* *f* *p* *mp*
sun In - dig - nant moon, In - dig - nant moon _

T *fp* *f* *p*
8 sun In - dig - nant moon, _

B *fp* *f* *p*
sun In - dig - nant moon, _

Pno.

MOON

20 *mf*

S through wick - er wind - ings strik - ing beams from night - ly themes we too re - coil

A *mf*
through wick - er wind - ings strik - ing beams from night - ly themes we too re - coil

T 8 In - dig - nant moon, In - dig - nant moon, — In - dig - nant moon we *mf*

B In - dig - nant moon, In - dig - nant moon, — In - dig - nant moon we *mf*

Pno.

23 *f*

S — re - coil sap - phires sha - dows haunt - ed shapes, *f*

A — re - coil sap - phire sha - dows haunt - ed shapes, *f*

T 8 too re - coil sap - phire — sha - dows haunt - ed shapes, *f*

B too re - coil sap - phire — sha - dows shapes, *f*

Pno.

MOON

25

S *mf* shapes, *mp* shapes a - midst, *sub f* treach-er - y *p* a - midst *sub mf* the

A *mf* shapes, *sub f* treach-er - y, *sub f* treach-er - y *p* a - midst *sub mf* the

T *mf* shapes, *mp* shapes *sub f* treach-er - y *p* a - midst *sub mf* the

B *sub f* treach-er - y *mp* shapes *sub f* treach-er - y *p* a - midst *sub mf* the

Pno.

27

S *p* mid - night, *f* mid - night, *p* mid - night, *sub mf* mid - night, *p* mid - night, *f* mid - night,

A *p* mid - night, *f* mid - night, *p* mid - night, *sub mf* mid - night, *p* mid - night, *f* mid - night,

T *p* mid - night, *f* mid - night, *p* mid - night, *sub mf* mid - night, *p* mid - night, *f* mid - night,

B *p* mid - night, *f* mid - night, *p* mid - night, *sub mf* mid - night, *p* mid - night, *f* mid - night,

Pno.

MOON

33

30 *sub mf* *p* *f* *p* *f*

S
mid-night, — mid - night

A
mid-night, — mid - night

T
8 mid-night, — mid - night In - dig - nant moon, *mp*

B
mid-night, — mid - night In - dig - nant moon, *mp*

Pno.

34 *p* *mp*

S
In - dig - nant moon In - dig - nant moon

A
p *mp*
In - dig - nant moon In - dig - nant moon,

T
8 *p* *mp*
In - dig - nant moon, In - dig - nant moon, In - dig - nant moon,

B
p *mp*
In - dig - nant moon, In - dig - nant moon, In - dig - nant moon,

Pno.

MOON

37 *p* *mp* *mf*

S
know no wrong you suff - er by the

A
mf In - dig - nant moon you know no wrong you suff - er by the

T
8 *p* *mp* *p* *mf*
moon you suff - er by the

B
p *mp* *p* *mf*
moon you suff - er by the

Pno.

40 *f* *ff* *rit. al fine* *mf* *ff*

S
weight of dawn, of dawn, of dawn,

A
f *ff* *sub p* *ff*
weight of dawn, of dawn, of dawn,

T
f *ff* *sub p* *ff*
weight of dawn, of dawn, of dawn,

B
f *ff* *sub p* *ff*
weight of dawn, of dawn, of dawn,

Pno.